

## Timely Tidbits ...

### Graduation Issue #1

As their final days at Romulus High School draw to a close, members of the Class of 2010 (see page 4) have been recognized for a variety of achievements. Check out the story at right and our Awards Night article (page 5) to learn more.

For coverage of other area high schools, watch for our June 18 issue.

### Council To Put Millage Increase on Ballot

The Romulus City Council hopes that language it has approved for a proposed charter amendment will make it through all required hurdles in time to be placed on the August 3 Primary ballot.

The language reads as follows:

"Shall Section 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, be amended so as to permit the levy by the City of an additional ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed three (3) mills for five (5) years, from 2010 through 2014, for the sole purpose of paying for police and fire services?"

Mayor Alan R. Lambert and several Council members have publicly stated that the proposed temporary boost to City coffers is necessary to maintain essential services.

### Polling Site Changes for Some Romulus Voters

Following the recommendation of City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg, the Romulus City Council has voted to move the polling place for Precinct 7 and Precinct 11 from Mt. Pleasant School to Barth Elementary (35200 Barth Street).

Bragg told Council the move was needed because Mt. Pleasant will soon be unavailable due to the Romulus Community Schools' plans to repurpose the building.

The change will take effect in time for the August 3 Primary.

### Yard Sale Rescheduled

Since rain put a damper on the annual Romulus Citywide Yard Sale last month, the event has been rescheduled for this weekend (through June 6). For more information, call 734-941-8665. □

## Five Valedictorians Lead RHS Class of 2010



Ciara Turner



Ashley Wagle



Krystal Wegrzyn



Justin Jadzinski



Karli Gibson

Romulus High School's Class of 2010 produced five co-valedictorians who maintained a four-year grade point average of 4.00 or better. They are:

#### Ciara Turner

With a GPA of 4.1804, Ciara Turner set the standard for academic excellence while still finding time for plenty of extracurricular activities. The Quiz Bowl captain, College Club peer advisor, and head manager of the boys' varsity lacrosse team was a frequent project organizer for the National Honor Society, and also was active in French Club and Pep Band.

Ciara will enroll in the University of Michigan honors program this fall, where she plans to pursue a degree in political science in preparation for a career in politics. The daughter of Lonnie and Laura Turner says she is also considering a second major in English.

#### Ashley Wagle

Second in her class with a 4.0758 GPA is Ashley Wagle, a National Honor Society and Student Government member who also participated in varsity tennis and varsity volleyball.

When she attends Wayne State University, the daughter of Robert and Stephanie Wagle will major in biological science as a pre-med student, working toward her ultimate dream of becoming a dermatologist.

#### Krystal Wegrzyn

Krystal Wegrzyn, whose 4.0339 GPA earned her a number-three ranking, was a member of the National Honor Society, Marching Band, and Pep Band.

The daughter of Darryl and Penny Wegrzyn plans to study engineering at the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor.

#### Justin Jadzinski

With a GPA of 4.0135, Justin Jadzinski

ranked fourth in his class. The National Honor Society member played varsity football for Romulus High School, and also worked as a lifeguard at the Romulus Athletic Center.

Justin – the son of Kevin Jadzinski – will attend the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, where he will pursue his passion for math and science on the way to a degree in mechanical engineering.

#### Karli Gibson

Karli's 4.0131 GPA secured her the fifth and final spot on the list of Class of 2010 co-valedictorians. The National Honor Society member was also active in Student Government and Student Council.

Karli – whose parents are William F. Gibson Jr. and Jean Alice Maddox – plans to study English at Wayne State University in preparation for a career as an English teacher. □

## Taylor FD Surveying Families About Fire Safety, Prevention

Are you more fire safe now than you were 12 months ago?

Members of the Taylor Fire Department want to know if their fire prevention and safety programs have helped make City of Taylor families safer. As a recipient of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, the Fire Department is required to evaluate the impact of their programs on the community. The department will measure change by comparing the number and type of fires reported, and by soliciting input from Taylor residents through a survey.

Taylor residents are being asked to visit [www.cityoftaylor.com/fire](http://www.cityoftaylor.com/fire) – the Taylor Fire Department Web site – to participate in the Taylor Fire Prevention Citizen Survey. Although there is a direct focus on responses from Taylor residents, the survey is open to and applicable to anyone who wishes to participate. The survey will close at the end of July 2010.

"We have developed the Taylor Fire

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Captain Fire Inspector Jesse Kriebel ("Firefighter Jesse") of the Taylor Fire Department talks about fire safety and prevention with children like these first-graders at Eureka Heights Elementary School. Now, the Fire Department wants to find out if programs like these are having a positive impact.



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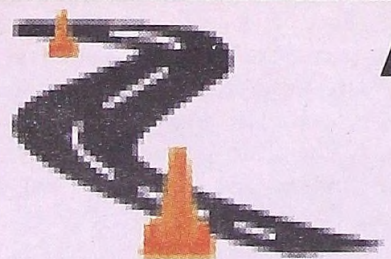
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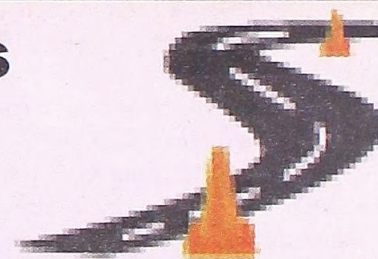


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## Taylor Gardeners Replace Stolen Plants

When they learned that someone stole plants from a butterfly garden outside Warren City Hall, Taylor gardeners came to the rescue.

On May 26, Taylor Mayor Jeffrey P. Lamarand and master gardeners Karen Taylor and Jeanine Fennessey traveled to Warren, where they presented Mayor Jim Fouts with a variety of plants designed to cater to the needs of Monarch Butterflies.

Warren's plants were stolen from the city's butterfly garden the weekend of May 15-16. Fouts said five milkweed plants and six black-eyed Susans were removed. Fouts offered a \$500 reward for information leading to the conviction of the thieves, and offered to buy replacements.

Certified butterfly gardens – also known as Monarch Waystations – are plentiful in the City of Taylor. There are 33 – the most in southeast Michigan, according to Taylor.

The City of Taylor contingent delivered 30 plants of varying species and sizes that were transplanted from the Rose Gar-

den Subdivision Monarch Waystation and other butterfly gardens in the city.

Karen Taylor, who is a member of the Taylor Butterfly Group and helped plant the beautiful Rose Garden display, said she was happy to share with Warren.

"I wanted to take the focus off the vandalism and put it back on the butterflies and the conservation aspect," Taylor said. "We had gardens and we had plants, so why not share?"

Mayor Fouts said he was delighted by the donation, adding that no other city has ever provided assistance to Warren.

"I'm surprised, elated, and very pleased," he said. "I am very appreciative of Mayor Lamarand's goodwill gesture. This is a good example of partnership and collaboration between two diverse cities from different sections of southeast Michigan. We're fortunate to have good neighbors southwest of us."

For more information on butterfly gardens, visit the Taylor Garden Club Web site: [www.TaylorGardenClub.com](http://www.TaylorGardenClub.com). □

## Dingell To Introduce Resolution To Recognize Galarraga's Gem as a Perfect Game

Upon his return to Washington, D.C. following the current district work period, Congressman John D. Dingell (D-MI15) will introduce a resolution calling on Major League Baseball to overturn the call that spoiled Armando Galarraga's perfect game for the Detroit Tigers.

Galarraga threw 8<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings against the Cleveland Indians at Comerica Park on June 2 without giving up a hit, a walk, or an error. One more out would have given him the 21st perfect game in the history of Major League Baseball, and the first in Tigers history.

But, umpire Jim Joyce said the would-be 27<sup>th</sup> out – the Indians' Jason Donald – beat out a throw to first for an infield single. Replays showed Joyce was wrong, and the umpire graciously admitted his mistake.

"Jim Joyce missed the call, but, because he admitted it, we have a leg to stand on in our case to Major League Baseball," Dingell explained. "Baseball's executives have corrected a mistake on the field in a regular-

season game before – the 'pine tar' game. This is the right thing to do."

Dingell had words of praise for the pitcher, and also for the umpire for admitting his historic error quickly and honestly.

"In my eyes, Galarraga is already part of a special and exclusive group, for this has only happened 21 times before in the long history of Major League Baseball," said Dingell. "In fact, you could argue he's in a class by himself: the only pitcher to face 28 hitters in a perfect game."

"Umpire Joyce made a colossal blunder – but, if we can reverse it, he will have played a huge role in righting the wrong."

"This perfect game may not have the perfect ending, but it will be one distinct and historic in its own way," Dingell continued. "I hope this is the first of many historic moments for Armando Galarraga. He will take a special place in Tigers history and in the hearts of fans, who watched him compete with class and hold his composure in calamity." □

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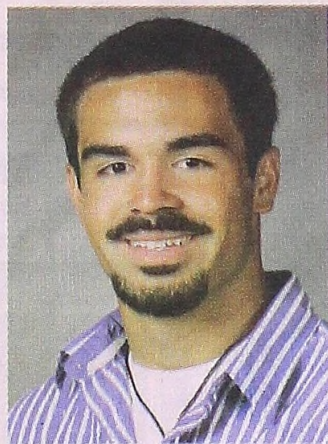
# Awards Night Honors Best and Brightest of RHS Class of 2010



Sheila Reeves (rank: 6th)



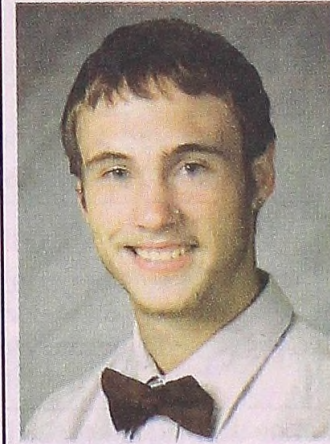
Ashley Linnert (7th)



Zachary Toilolo (8th)



Tierra Garrison (9th)



Cody Szostek (10th)

Romulus High School's annual Senior Awards Night program, held on May 26, recognized Class of 2010 members with outstanding achievements in academics, vocational subjects, music, and athletics, along with recipients of various college, government, civic, and private scholarships and grants.

Among the honorees were the 10 students who maintained the highest grade point average during their four-year high-school careers: co-valedictorians Ciara Turner, Ashley Wagle, Krystal Wegrzyn, Justin Jadzinski, and Karli Gibson, as well as Sheila Reeves, Ashley Linnert, Zachary Toilolo, Tierra Garrison, and Cody Szostek. (See the photos above and on page 1.)

Award recipients included:

## Academic Honors Awards

*Note: These students, listed in order of their academic standing, maintained a four-year grade point average of 3.00 or higher.*

- Ciara Turner\* (4.1804)
- Ashley Wagle\* (4.0758)
- Krystal Wegrzyn\* (4.0339)
- Justin Jadzinski\* (4.0135)
- Karli Gibson\* (4.0131)
- Sheila Reeves\* (3.9916)
- Ashley Linnert\* (3.9649)
- Zachary Toilolo\* (3.8973)
- Tierra Garrison\* (3.8971)
- Cody Szostek\* (3.8967)
- Daijah Street\* (3.8702)
- Brittany Wilkewitz\* (3.8667)
- Jeremy Council\* (3.8487)
- Eghosa Igbinobaro\* (3.8294)
- Caitlynn Lefler\* (3.8102)
- Christina Reese\* (3.7820)
- Tamara Garrison\* (3.7678)
- Jazmyn Jones\* (3.7604)
- Sheila Watts\* (3.7604)
- Jesse Norman\* (3.7482)
- Victoria Mangham\* (3.7452)
- Kortrez Smith\* (3.7419)
- Markus Crowder\* (3.7120)
- Tiffany Nerone\* (3.6796)
- Kazam Sheikh\* (3.6731)
- Breana Keels\* (3.6453)
- Brianna Shreve\* (3.6451)
- Erica Hayes\* (3.6388)
- Elea'ele Buford\* (3.6256)
- William Burton\* (3.6253)
- Chrisshana Robinson\* (3.6171)
- Brooke Tanner\* (3.5871)

- Ruben Valencia\* (3.5825)
- Louis Hill\* (3.5698)
- Timothy Graves\* (3.5576)
- Seth Gasser\* (3.5502)
- Shariay Gant\* (3.5452)
- LeAnne Dawson\* (3.5233)
- Amber Sears\* (3.5211)
- Ryan McLachlan (3.4858)
- Danielle Bland (3.4351)
- Corey Arnett-Butscher (3.4204)
- Chereé Stevenson (3.4078)
- Victoria Newell (3.4000)
- Ja'Nae Russell (3.3264)
- Desiree Watt (3.3131)
- Allyson Adams (3.2784)
- Shauntel Steverson (3.2634)
- Donovan Johnson (3.2302)
- Geridan St. Peter (3.2136)
- Deshawn Smith (3.2120)
- Cherra Ross (3.1949)
- Rashida Harrison (3.1656)
- Demetri Clanton (3.1563)
- D'Mario Ellis (3.1494)
- Christopher Reyna (3.1155)
- Steven Destrampe (3.1127)
- Michael Lovelady (3.0873)
- LaJaé Patton (3.0872)
- Marcel Rogers (3.0669)
- Dominique Carroll (3.0668)
- Richard Walker (3.0600)
- Zachary Tanana (3.0412)
- Deandray Buckley (3.0373)
- Derrick Stewart (3.0304)
- Martel Ellis (3.0192)

\*Presidential Award for Educational Excellence (GPA of 3.50 or above)

## Departmental Awards

- Willie Bragg (health occupations)
- William Burton (biology)
- Jeremy Council (robotics)
- LeAnne Dawson (art)
- Seth Gasser (physics)
- Karli Gibson (social studies)
- Briyana Hall (computer-aided design)
- Justin Jadzinski (journalism)
- Breana Keels (business)
- Joshua Mahon (automotive tech)
- Ryan McLachlan (government)
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- Emmanuel Sanders (culinary arts)
- Niko Scott (art)

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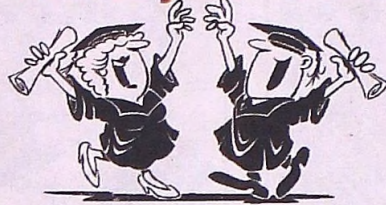
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- Patricia Small (Spanish)
- Jamarco Stephens (physical education)
- Cody Szostek (accounting)
- Ciara Turner (English; French; social studies)
- Ashley Wagle (physical education)
- Desiree Watt (marketing)
- Krystal Wegrzyn (math)
- Brittany Wilkewitz (all-around science; French)

### Local Scholarships/Awards

- LeAnne Dawson (Romulus Arts Council; Romulus Athletic Booster Club)
- Motunrola Emanuel (Romulus Athletic Booster Club)
- Karli Gibson (Romulus Rotary—Dr. Elmer Goerke and Ed Baum Memorial/academic)
- Eghosa Igbinobaro (Romulus Association of School Administrators; Romulus Rotary—Dr. Elmer Goerke and Ed Baum Memorial/academic)
- Breana Keels (Florence Satterlee Business)
- Caitlynn Lefler (Romulus Rotary—Dr. Elmer Goerke and Ed Baum Memorial/academic)
- Christopher Reyna (Romulus Athletic Booster Club)
- Crisshana Robinson (Lorena Burton Memorial)
- Marcel Rogers (Romulus Athletic Booster Club)

- Niko Scott (Romulus Arts Council)
- Amber Sears (Romulus Athletic Booster Club; Romulus Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force—Dwayne Martin Memorial/community service; Romulus Rotary—Dr. Elmer Goerke and Ed Baum Memorial/academic)
- Chereé Stevenson (Romulus Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force—Dwayne Martin Memorial/vocational)
- Derrick Stewart (Ed Horn Memorial; Romulus Athletic Booster Club)
- Daijah Street (Romulus Association of School Administrators; Romulus Education Association; Romulus Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force—Dwayne Martin Memorial/vocational)
- Brooke Tanner (Ray Kroc Memorial)
- Robert Taylor (Mikey G. Markus Memorial)
- Zachary Toilolo (Romulus Athletic Booster Club)
- Ciara Turner (Romulus Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force—Dwayne Martin Memorial/community service)
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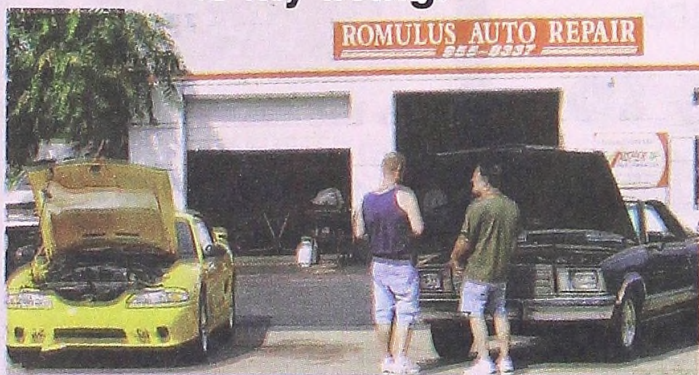
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### Belleville

#### Fish Photo & "Tall Tail" Contest

The Belleville Area Council of the Arts is sponsoring a fun-filled afternoon of dock fishing, fish stories, hot dogs and drinks, and pictures with your big catch! Photos will be displayed in downtown businesses and available for pickup. Trophies will be awarded by age group. Some fishing poles/bait may be available.

The event will be held at Horizon Park on June 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fishing licenses are not required during Free Fishing Weekend (June 12-13), but all fishing rules and regulations still apply.

For information, call Bob Mytych at 734-218-1603.

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### Taylor

#### Craft/Vendor Show

An indoor/outdoor craft and vendor show to be held at the Taylor Moose Family Center (9981 South Telegraph Road) will also feature a bake sale, raffles, and 50/50 drawings. The event will be held on Sunday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Indoor space (\$25; \$5 extra for electricity) and outdoor space (\$15) are still available. Inside space includes use of an 8' table; outdoor space is 10'x10' (bring your own canopy, tables, and chairs).

Application deadline is Friday, June 18. Call Sue at 734-414-0239. □

## Druyor To Walk for Breast Cancer Cure

By Jill Martin

Meet Merrie Druyor: Romulus's own Energizer Bunny® in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure™.

The event, which raised more than \$91 million in 2009, will visit 15 sites across the nation, including Michigan (August 13-15). The 60-mile walk is for women and men who want to make a personal difference in the fight to end breast cancer, and Merrie Druyor has committed to be one of thousands who will make the journey.

Merrie, who is originally from West Branch, has been calling Romulus home since 1992. She has two children: a son David, who is 13, and her daughter Lauren, who is 10. Employed by the City of Romulus for over seven years, Merrie loves being involved in her community and is especially dedicated to making the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival a success.

"I've always wanted to do the Susan G. Komen 3-Day walk for the cure," said Merrie. "It's a great cause, and it hits home with me and my family. My Aunt Sandy lost her battle 13 years ago and my Aunt Nova is fighting her battle today. My sister-in-law Sylvia is celebrating her one-year anniversary as a breast cancer survivor.

"I walk for them," she explained. "I walk for my daughter and for every person whose life already has or will be touched by this terrible disease."

Breast cancer incidence in women in the United States is one in eight (about 13%). It is the most common cancer among women, excluding nonmelanoma skin cancers. In 1982, the launch of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure™ fulfilled a woman's promise to her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, to do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. Since that time, the global breast cancer movement has become the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

For Merrie and thousands of others, the 60-mile walk will combine the adventures of a camping excursion, the athleti-



Merrie Druyor

cism of an Olympic event, the stamina of a triathlon, and the group bonding of a family reunion. Participants will spend the entire three days together – eating, sleeping, and sharing a truly amazing experience.

In preparation for the physical aspect of the walk, Merrie started training back in January. She walks or cross trains several days a week, and picks one weekend day to add a mile to her highest mile count for the week. She's up to 10 miles, and hopes to make a few practice walks of 20 miles before the event.

Maybe your life has been forever changed by breast cancer; maybe you're a survivor; maybe your mom or sister or neighbor is fighting the very fight for which Merrie will walk. In order to volunteer to walk, Merrie must also raise \$2300. In an effort to help her reach that goal, she's asking for your support. If you'd like to share a story, have the name of someone special included on Merrie's "I Walk For \_\_\_\_" T-shirt, and would like to make a donation, you can do so by sending checks, payable to "Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure" (please put Participant ID number 4992848 on the memo line), and mail them to: P.O. Box 74768, Romulus, MI 48174. Or, you can visit Merrie's personal fundraising page by going to [www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org) and searching for participant Merrie Druyor under the DONATE tab at the top of the page. All donations are tax deductible, and ALL donations are welcome – as are words or inspiration and encouragement.

Way to go, Merrie! □

## Health & Wellness Fair Planned

You don't have to be a Romulus resident or a senior citizen to attend a Health & Wellness Fair that will be held at the Romulus Senior Center on Thursday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free event will feature educational materials, displays, and demonstrations offered by representatives of a wide variety of businesses and service agencies. Learn more about little-known resources available to senior citizens, caregivers, the uninsured, and others in need.

For more information, contact Romulus Senior Center director Rose Swidan at 734-955-4120. □

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Mayor Alan R. Lambert presided over a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Ray's Coney Island, located at 7099 Wayne Road in Romulus. The new establishment – open every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. – features a full breakfast menu as well as a wide variety of sandwiches and family-style dinners. For more information, call 734-729-3947. Photo by Roger Kadau

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## Obituary

### Clara Berlene (Christopher) Deaton

Clara Berlene (Christopher) Deaton of Taylor, Michigan, passed away on May 19, 2010, at the age of 83.

The daughter of the late Willie Corbitt Christopher and Elizabeth Hampton Christopher was born in Big Sandy, Tennessee, on February 17, 1927.

Surviving Clara are 3 children, Jerry (Pauline) Deaton, Carol (Rick) Ward, and Dwayne (Dori) Deaton; 6 siblings, Joe Christopher, Sue Doherty, Wilbur Christopher, Charlie Christopher, Eddie Christopher, and Rose Gillis; 9 grandchildren, Sandra Cullen, Kenny Deaton, Michelle Phelps, Eric Ward, Heather Ward, Michael Ward, Christopher Deaton, Nicole Deaton, and Derrick Deaton; 17 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were a brother, Bobby Gene Christopher, and a sister, Mary Frances Christopher.

A funeral service was held on May 24



Clara Deaton

at Uht Funeral Home (Westland, MI), with Reverend Jason Crawford officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West (Westland). □

## Romulus Seniors Urged To Participate in Annual Downriver Olympics

Rose Swidan, director of the Romulus Senior Center, is urging local senior citizens to represent their community with pride at the Downriver Senior Olympics, to be held in Allen Park the week of August 2–6.

"There really is something for everyone at the Senior Olympics," said Swidan. "Whether you like sports or games or dancing or baking, you'll find something you enjoy doing. It's a fun way to challenge yourself and meet other people who share your interests."

The annual event, open to ages 50 and up, will feature competition in the following events:

- baking (regular and sugar-free recipes for breads, sweet breads, cakes, cookies, pies, and candy),
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- swimming (breaststroke, backstroke, and freestyle)

- ballroom dancing
  - one-mile run
  - car show (antique, classic, and open)
- Competitions are divided into four age categories: 50–59, 60–69, 70–79, and 80+.

Cost to participate includes a \$6 registration fee (includes a T-shirt), plus event fees that range from \$2 to \$8 each. Tickets to the optional end-of-program awards banquet are \$13.50 per person.

Registration forms – which *must* be turned in by Friday, June 25 – are available at the Senior Center (36525 Bibbins Street).

For more information, call Swidan at 734-955-4120. □

### Neighbors Saddened Over Pet's Loss

If you live in the neighborhood behind the Wayne Road McDonald's in Romulus, we're sure you've seen our neighbor, Jerome, and his companion of many years – "Bear" – walking around, day and night, no matter what the weather.

Sadly, Bear is no longer with us, but in a better place in the sunny sky.

Jerome, know that not only *our* hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow, but also the hearts of everybody who ever knew Bear. May happy memories replace the sadness in *your* heart.

Thinking of you, with love, during these difficult times.

–The Gavin Girls

## Taylor FD Surveying Families About Fire Safety

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Prevention Citizen Survey to generate usable data from our community," said Captain Fire Inspector Jesse Kriebel. "Citizen responses will be used to evaluate the impact of our current programs, to improve upon these programs, and to develop new ones."

"Most home fires can be prevented," he continued. "Please avoid the single greatest fire hazard in your home: the thought that 'it can't happen, not to me and not in my home.'"

Questions on the brief survey include:

- Did any of the Taylor Fire Department's fire prevention and safety programs result in a fire safety action in your home?
- Did any children of your family discuss safety tips or information learned from the classroom fire safety lessons?
- Do you believe Taylor fire prevention and safety programs have directly increased your children's knowledge and awareness of fire and safe behaviors?
- Have you or any of your children ever "played with fire"?

Current Taylor fire prevention and safety programs partner with the Taylor School District. This year, the program has reached almost 5,000 students. Fire safety lessons have been presented during the 2009–2010 school year on a monthly basis in the pre-kindergarten through third-grade classrooms. Arson prevention lessons were recently completed with the fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade classes.

"Most deadly fires happen in the place we feel the safest – our homes," said Kriebel, who is known as "Firefighter Jesse" to Taylor school children. "Getting our prevention message into the homes of our community is a real challenge. Our prevention strategy is to empower the children of our community by teaching and reinforcing fire safety, fire science, fire behavior, and fire survival concepts. Lessons were taught by firefighters in the classrooms, and prevention materials were sent home to reach the families."

"Our goal is to provide a long-term benefit to our community by sustaining these programs and creating a 'fire-safe generation.' I believe that the data from the survey, combined with our fire data, will prove that the old adage, 'an ounce of prevention is

worth a pound of cure,' is indeed a true statement."

Everyone is invited to join Taylor firefighters in celebrating a great year in fire prevention education at their open house event, "School's Out, Safety's In," from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, at Taylor Midtown Fire Station No. 1 (23345 Goddard Road). The event is sponsored by the Taylor Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 1252, and includes food, giveaways, live demonstrations, station tours, safety lessons, and fun for the whole family.

For more information and fire safety tips, visit [www.cityoftaylor.com/fire](http://www.cityoftaylor.com/fire) or call 734-374-1355. □

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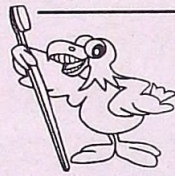
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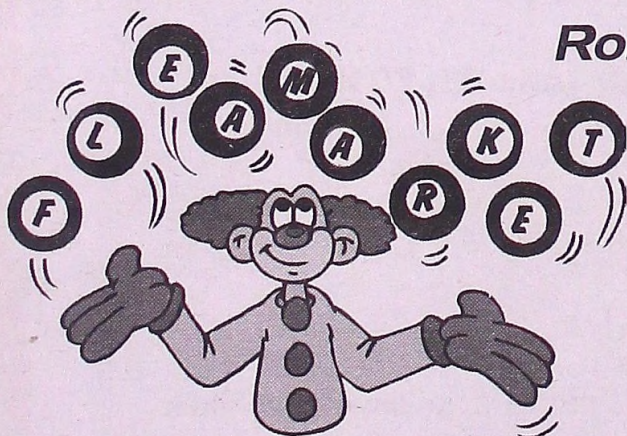
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